

TCR Program – Application Approval Project # 74.2 – June 2003

San Diego **Pacific Surfliner; double track intercity rail line within San Diego County, add maintenance yard in San Diego County.**

(\$ X 1,000)

Estimated Project Cost: \$171,794

TCRP Funds – Subproject #74.2: \$15,262

TCRP Funds for Project #74 \$47,000

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation

TCRP Funds Approved To Date: \$2,498

Phases(s) Approved To Date: 1

Implementing Agency: California Department of Transportation

TCRP Allocations To Date: \$2,498

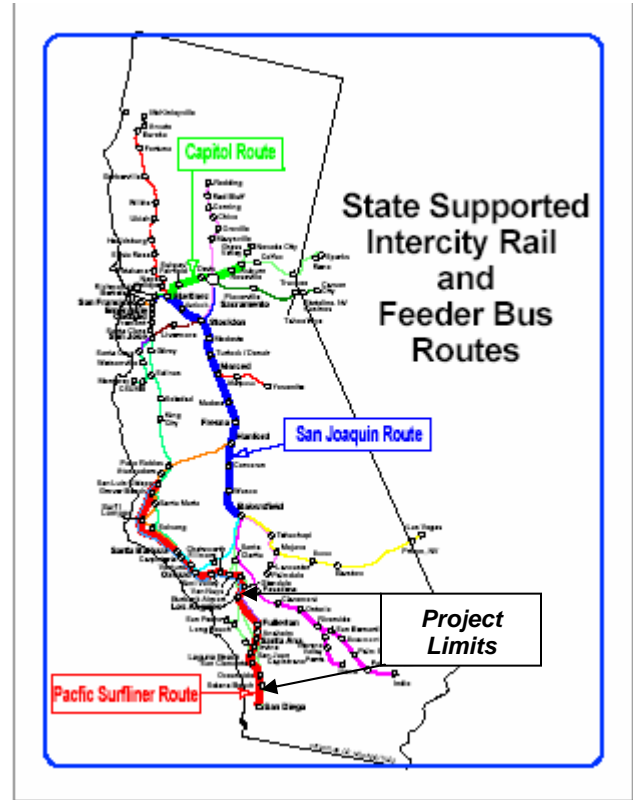
Advance Approved: \$0

for Phase(s): 1

for Phase(s): N/A

Project Summary: The overall Pacific Surfliner TCRP program in San Diego includes several double track projects to provide improved reliability and on-time performance of the Pacific Surfliner intercity rail line in San Diego County. The Program also includes the construction of a new maintenance facility so overnight and turnaround maintenance does not have to be performed at the downtown Santa Fe Depot. The Pacific Surfliner Corridor currently provides 11 round trips between San Diego and Los Angeles. For purposes of implementation, the project has been split into individual sub-projects. They are:

- Sub-Project #74.1 - Oceanside Double Track Project (\$6,000,000 TCRP);
- **Sub-Project #74.2 - PEIR/EIS** and miscellaneous improvements to the LOSSAN Corridor [\$15,262,000 total TCRP (\$2,498,000 for PEIR/EIS, \$12,764,000 for other misc. improvements), \$158,000 SPR, \$156,374,450 TBD, Total cost = \$171,794,000]; Note: *The miscellaneous improvements under TCRP #74.2 will be defined by individual applications as fully funded projects meeting all conditions are identified. Each improvement project must have independent utility and be environmentally cleared independent of the PEIR/EIS.*
- Sub-Project #74.3 - Maintenance yard and improvements (\$22,000,000 TCRP (Not yet programmed), \$10,000,000 STIP, \$1,000,000 Amtrak, Total Cost = \$33,000,000);
- Sub-Project #74.4 - Track and signal improvements at Fallbrook Junction (\$450,000 TCRP, \$1,300,000 STIP, \$150,000 Amtrak, Total Cost = \$1,900,000);
- Sub-Project #74.5 – Encinitas Passing Track (\$3,288,000 TCRP, \$3,000,000 P116, \$15,000 Local, Total Cost = \$6,303,000).



Sub-Project #74.2 covers the PEIR/EIS and improvements segment of the overall double tracking project. The objective is to complete a Program Environmental Impact Report under CEQA and an Environmental Impact Statement under NEPA (PEIR/EIS) for conventional rail upgrades to the Los Angeles - San Diego (LOSSAN) Corridor. The Program Level environmental process will address corridor impacts, as well as focus on alternative upgrades to the corridor. The corridor extends from Los Angeles Union Station to the Santa Fe Depot in downtown San Diego.

The PEIR/EIS will need to incorporate and document the environmental clearance work that is on-going for other major projects in the Pacific Surfliner Corridor. For example, environmental documentation for LA Union Station Run Through Tracks project (TCRP #35) will need to be referenced in the Program EIR so that a coordinated, complete assessment of the rail corridor is possible. In a similar manner, the environmental work done by others associated with the triple track projects in Orange County will be referenced in the Program level EIR/EIS. In this manner, the entire corridor can be assessed without duplication of effort. However, the bulk of the engineering

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and environmental detail for this PEIR/EIS will be done for improvements for southern Orange County and San Diego County.

The study will explore the possibility of whether higher levels of improvements, including traveling at higher speeds along portions of the corridor, are feasible and desirable. It is intended that the Program EIR/EIS will identify two sets of distinct projects: Projects that are exempt from further environmental work, and can proceed to securing environmental permits based on the technical studies undertaken in this PEIR/EIS, and; Projects that are not exempt, and will require either a mitigated negative declaration, or a project-level EIR. Once preliminary engineering and environmental studies have been completed, it will be possible to identify which corridor segments can be constructed in the near term and those that will be deferred due to significant environmental or engineering costs. Until this information is available, an initial cost range will be used that anticipates some of the more environmentally disruptive projects may not be feasible to construct. The cost, schedule and proposed funding identified below are planning estimates and are subject to change at the time the project report and environmental studies are completed.

Cost and Schedule (\$ x 1,000)

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Scope</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>	<i>Cost</i>
1	PEIR/EIS	8/01	6/04	\$2,656
2	Plans, Specifications & Estimates	10/02	6/05	\$17,090
3	Right of Way - N/A			
4	Construction	7/05	6/08	\$152,048
Total:				\$171,794

Funding Plan (\$ x 1,000)

<i>Source</i>	<i>Type</i>		<i>Phase 1</i>	<i>Phase 2</i>	<i>Phase 3</i>	<i>Phase 4</i>	<i>Total</i>
TCRP	State	Committed	\$2,498				\$2,498
		Proposed		\$4,126		\$8,638	\$12,764
SPR	State	Committed	\$158				\$158
		Proposed					
TBD	TBD	Committed					
		Proposed		\$12,964		\$143,410	\$156,374
	Totals:	Committed	\$2,656				\$2,656
		Proposed		\$17,090		\$152,048	\$169,138
		Totals:	\$2,656	\$17,090		\$152,048	\$171,794

Prior TCRP Action:

- Original application was approved on August 22, 2001 (Resolution TA-01-13).
- A minor amendment was approved on June 26, 2003, Resolution TAA-03-03, to extend the end date of the PEIR/EIR by one fiscal year, to June 2004. The delay is attributed to the need for the Department to study an inland bypass to South Orange County, at the request of the South Orange County Rail Working Group. Additionally, a Strategic Business Plan will be prepared as a precursor to the Program EIR/EIS. The draft Plan is currently being circulated. The final Plan is scheduled to be released by July 1, 2003.

Status of Conditions: No conditions.

Discussion/Issues: No issues.